	Director (Agri.) Retd., Government of Assam.		
vii)	A Representative of National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC), New Delhi.	–	Member
viii)	Shri R.P. Singhal, Director (Sugar Technical), Directorate of Sugar, Ministry of Food, New Delhi.	–	Co-ordinator

II. TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. To assess the present condition of plant and machinery of all the existing sugar factories in Assam.

2. To assess the present sugarcane cultivation, future potential and the availability of cane to the sugar units.

3. To suggest a comprehensive working plan for

(a) carrying out suitable additions/alterations in the plant and machinery for achieving sugar production level commensurate with the existing installed capacity efficiently;

(b) improving the present cane production by increase in per hectare yield as also by bringing additional area under cane cultivation; and

(c) modernisation/expansion of the existing sugar units taking into account the likely cane production.

4. To assess the financial requirement for achieving the above objectives.

[*English*]

Registration of Nursing Homes

*90. SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Medical Association has been issuing its own registration certificates to the unregistered nursing homes;

(b) whether this practice is permissible under the rules; and

(c) if not, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (c). Under the Delhi Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1953, Delhi Administration is competent to register private nursing homes functioning in the Union Territory of Delhi. However, Delhi Administration has informed that Delhi Medical Association (DMA) has been issuing its own registration certificate to its members. The format of the registration

certificate is capable of mis–interpretation and thus liable to be misused. The Directorate of Health Services, Delhi Administration has already conveyed to the Delhi Medical Association on 26.12.1991 that the issuance of such registration certificates is contrary to the provisions of Delhi Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1953 and have sought their co-operation in the effective enforcements of this law.

Sunderbans Mangrove Forests

*93. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:
SHRI GURUDS KAMAT:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dense Sunderbans mangrove forests in West Bengal are slowly disappearing;

(b) the likely impact of the current global warming on these forests;

(c) whether the study conducted by some scientists has revealed some very disturbing portents like the slow sinking of the delta area and the destruction of the forests in the area; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to save Sunderbans from the global warming threat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). As per studies carried out by the Forest Survey of India using satellite imageries pertaining to the period 1985–87 and 1987–89, there has not been any decrease in the extent of Sunderban mangrove forests in West Bengal. In the absence of conclusive scientific findings on the trends of the global warming and their effect, it is premature to draw any inference regarding their likely impacts on the Sunderban mangrove forests.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Afforestation, erosion control, conservation and eco–development activities have been undertaken for protection of Sunderban. These measures will also help in combating the likely impact of global warming.

Allocation of Foodgrains and Sugar to States

*94. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:
SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat, rice and sugar demanded by and allocated to the State Governments and Union Territories during the last three years and month–wise details since October 1991;

(b) the quantity lifted by the respective State Governments and Union Territories during the above period;

(c) the reasons for not lifting the entire quantity and

(d) the criteria applied for allocating quotas of foodgrains and sugar to different States/Union Territories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). Statements I, II and III giving the required information are attached.

(c) During the year 1991, the off take of wheat and rice, as percentage of allocation was 84 and 88, respectively. This level of off take is considered satisfactory. As regards